

Newstead Town Board Meeting- August 25, 2003

A Public Hearing was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, August 25, 2003 at the Newstead Town Hall at 7:50 PM.

Present: Gerald F. Summe- Supervisor
Joan M. Glor- Councilwoman
David Cummings- Councilman
Harold L. Finger- Councilman
Fred Pask- Assessor
Christine Falkowski- Building Administrator
James Ebersole- Highway Superintendent
Andrew Casolini- Town Engineer
Dawn D. Izydorzak- Town Clerk
Kathleen Lang- Deputy Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present except Councilman George who was out of town on business.

The Supervisor called the public hearing to order on the Water District #10 SEQR environmental issues and explained the purpose of the meeting.

The Clerk read the proof of publication.

Comments:

James and Kathy Baker, 8530 Burdick Rd. gave the Supervisor an article on FEMA approval for flood control study in Clarence to clean up Tonawanda Creek. Questioned how this might affect WD#10 coming down Burdick Road. Supervisor felt this would not affect it in any way.

A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilwoman Glor to close the public hearing at 8:10pm.

A regular meeting of the Newstead Town Board was called to order at 8:10pm with all the same present as listed above.

Councilman Cummings led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the previous regular board meeting held on August 11, 2003 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilwoman Glor to approve as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Communications – The Town Clerk presented the following:

A letter from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York Buffalo Branch announcing the new look for currency bills to be released later this year. Information pamphlets on the new currency can be picked up at the Town Clerk's office.

A letter from NYS Department of Transportation regarding the initiation of the requested speed study on Hake Road. The DOT will forward their recommendations at the conclusion of the speed study.

A letter from the Erie County Dept. of Public Works announcing the closure of Clarence Center Road from Dye Road to Cummings Road beginning on Tuesday, September 2, 2003 until completion of the culvert replacement project.

A letter from the Erie County Dept. of Public Works announcing the closure of North Millgrove Road from Buckwheat Road to Nice Road beginning on Monday, August 18, 2003 until completion of the culvert replacement project.

A Quarterly Report from Rural/Metro Medical Services announcing the operations report from April- June 2003 with Akron Fire Co. receiving 113 calls, 70 cancels, 43 transports and Newstead Fire Co. receiving 58 calls, 34 cancels, 24 transports.

Erie County Dept. of Environment & Planning announced its next Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off on Saturday, September 6, 2003 from 9:00am-2: 00pm at the Honeywell Co. at 20 Peabody Street in Buffalo and the Electronics Recycling Day on Saturday, September 27, 2003 from 9:00am – 2:00pm at the Praxair, Inc.-South Lot, Woodward Ave. in Tonawanda.

A memo from Assessor’s clerk Rebecca Baker requesting permission to attend the Valuation Principles and Procedures course in Cheektowaga from October 13th-23rd and the Commercial Valuation mini course in Batavia on September 18th-19th.

A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilwoman Glor to receive and file correspondence as presented. Carried Unanimously

Work Session: Supervisor Summe reported that work session was held on August 18, 2003 and the following issues were discussed: the airport re-zoning, Water District #10 issues, and departmental budget meetings for 2004 Budget.

Privilege of the Floor – No one spoke

Approval of Bills -Councilwoman Glor reported that she had reviewed the Abstract from Batch #186 & 187 from the 8/11/03 meeting with the previously UN-audited vouchers and found everything in order. She presented Abstract Batch # 191 &192. Vouchers on Abstract Batch 191 &192 numbered 2312,2313-2354 totaling \$45,761.77 and were presented for payment approval by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Finger to approve payment.

Abstract Batch 191 & 192:

General Fund (A) -\$7,071.59, Fund (B) \$148.23, Highway (DA) -\$0, Highway: Outside Village (DB) \$6,199.18, Capital Projects- WD#5-Phase II (HC) \$1,377.20, Capital Projects- Library Project (HE) \$0, WD#7 (HD)- \$0, Senior Center (HF)- \$2,113.75, Sewer Dist. #2 (HJ)- \$21,345.00, (HR01) Reserve-Roof Repair \$7,450, Fire Protection (SF) \$0, Refuse (SR) \$0, Sewer Fund (SS) \$19.32, and Water Districts (SW1) \$18.75, (SW2) \$0, (SW3) \$18.75, (SW4) \$0, (SW5) \$0, (SW6) \$0, (SW7) \$0, (SW7A) \$0, (SW8) \$0, (SW9) \$0, Trust & Agency (TA) \$0, Totaling \$45,761.77

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway – Sept 22, 2003 will be the Fall Metal Pick-up start date until all materials at the curb are picked up and an Administrative services check for a burial at the Main Road cemetery is expected in shortly.

Assessor –No Report

Building Office –the following building report was presented by the Building Administrator Christine Falkowski:

Wayne Ribbeck	13836 Knapp	Re-roof
Bob Simon	6337 Dye	Garage
Jon Campbell	12680 Brucker	Pole barn
Kevin Gaik	11678 Main	Sign
David Sheremeta	6674 Draper	Shed
Richard Cositore, Jr.	6807 Sandhill	Porch

Zoning Officer Rebecca Baker’s zoning report was presented.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Cummings to accept and approve the building & zoning reports as presented. Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk- Hunting licenses went on sale August 18th with no problems.

Attorney for the Town- Met with Zoning Board on cell tower request with results of the requested height being dropped to 190 feet and a 9 foot antenna for a total of 199 feet.

COUNCILPERSONS

Cummings –Nothing at this time

George – Not Present

Glor – Nothing at this time

Finger – Cleaned up landscaping behind library.

SUPERVISOR – Working on Budget, would like to schedule a September Joint Meeting with Village.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water District #5- Phase 3 & 4 – Nothing new

Water District #10 Survey- discussed at public meeting

Town Wide Drainage- Nothing new, Andrew had notes almost ready from last meeting with DEC

Christian Airmen Re-Zoning-Discussion with counsel continues.

Senior Center- Fundraising is well underway, letters out to business next week. Construction proceeding with building taking shape, block work completed and setting trusses this week and starting brickwork.

Sewer Project- Lines are in the ground, starting in 2 weeks with tank installation.

AT & T Cell Tower- location to be at the Brucker Farm on Rapids Road, in SEQR phase currently looking for recommendations at a meeting soon. Nathan explained project to residents present and requirements on cell towers.

Other- nothing

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilwoman Glor approving Assessment Clerk Rebecca Baker's request to attend 2 seminar/training courses.

Ayes- 4 Nay-0 Carried Unanimously

Other: nothing

Question Period-

Tony Gabalski, 12033 Tonawanda Creek Road ,questioned cell towers and town's ability to limit the number of towers. The Town strives to keep towers low enough to limit lighting. He feels all residents should be notified when a tower is to be built in their area. On the town –wide drainage issue he questioned at what phase the town was at present.

Fran Dahill, 7913 Cedar Street, questioned how many cell towers are in the town currently and the distance between the one in the village and the proposed Rapids Road site.

Craig Kelkenberg , 11611 Rapids Road, asked how is it determined where the waterlines are constructed first and how it phases out from there.

The Board answered further questions on the WD#10 project.

There being no further business to come before the board a motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Cummings to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM

Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D. Izydorczak, Town Clerk